

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving for August 11, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 24,413

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 475,567

Needed YTD: \$511,552

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 117,410.00



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 4, 2024

325 onsite | 27 screens / 4 states

SS: 54

Misc: 25

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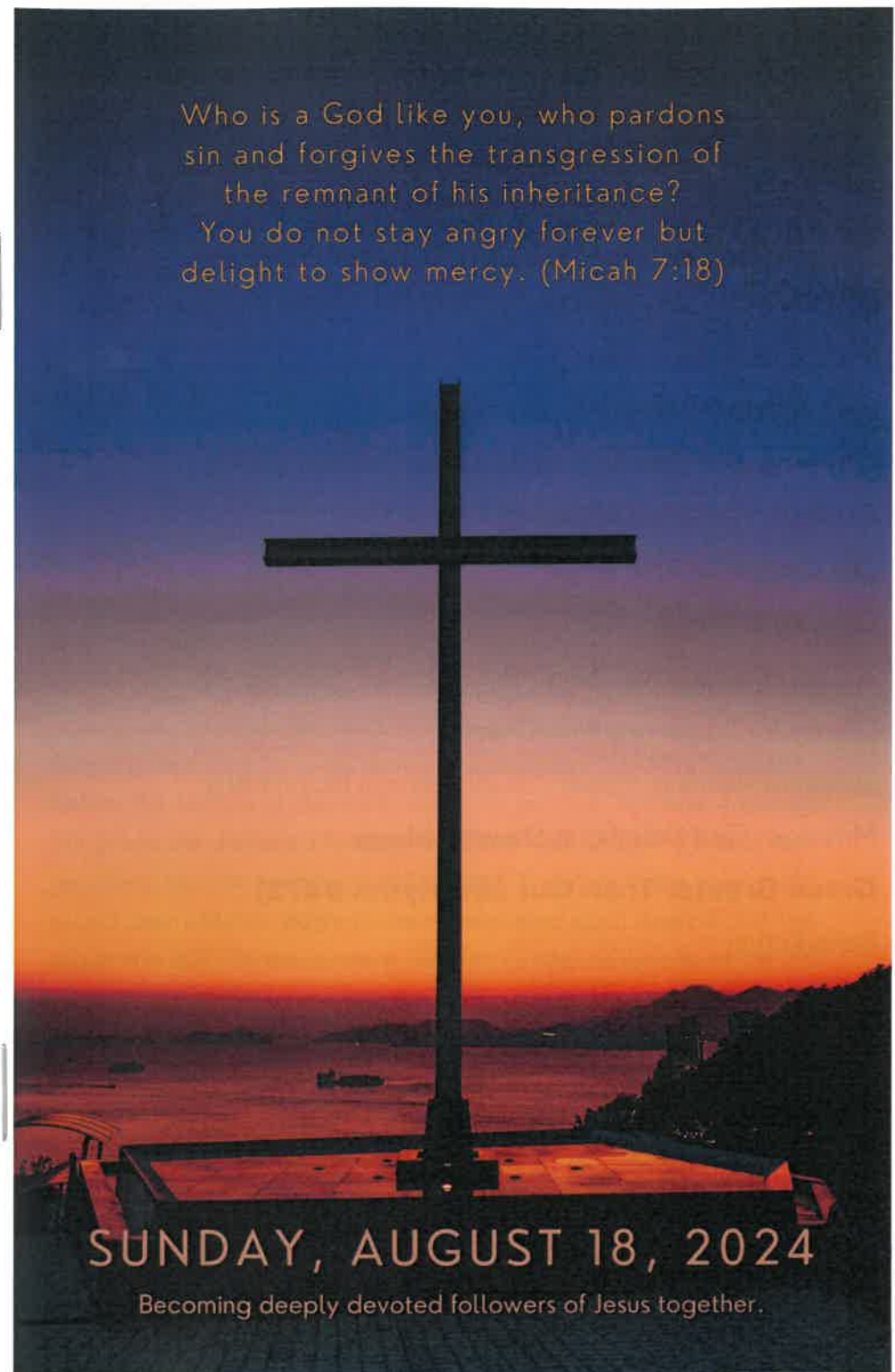
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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Message: God Delights In Showing Mercy

Micah 7:8-20, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude - Kay Sue, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Nothing But The Blood of Jesus (Hymn #471)

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Oh Come To The Altar

Offering & Prayer

A Cappella Quartet: "Sing Me to Heaven" (see pg. 8)

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Micah 7:8-20, Hannah Bloomberg

Message: God Delights in Showing Mercy

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (Hymn #472)

Benediction

Nursery - 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Our nursery is available for children aged 3 and under. Please use our secure child check-in system in the main foyer to print a name label and security tag before taking your child to the nursery.

Sunday School & Connection Time - 11:00 AM

Join us in the gym for refreshments and a time to connect with others. Sunday School classes are available for adults. Kids Sunday School will not meet over the summer.. See page 7 for the current schedule.

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Notes:

Beginners (ages 4-5) & Kids Church (1st-5th Grade)

Before the sermon at the combined 9:30 Service, kids age 4 through 5th grade are dismissed for Beginners and Kids Church. Parents and guardians can use our secure child check-in system in the foyer and escort their children down to their designated spot: Ages 4-5 at the top of the stairs by the Nursery, 1st - 5th Grades at the top of the stairs by the office.



Secure Child Check-in

To take part in our Sunday morning and other Kids Min activities, we ask that families register with our check-in system. Scan the QR code, use the Church Center App or visit www.efcbemidji.org/kids to get started.

Next Sunday, August 25, 2024

Message: What to Pray for (When You Don't Know What to Pray for)

Ephesians 3:14-21, Pastor Eric Nygren

E-Free Kids

Kids Ministry Volunteers Needed

Sunday School helpers:

We need 4 adult Sunday School helpers.

(Helpers assist the teacher with activities and being a support in the classroom)

Beginner's Church - Leaders/Helpers
(1 time per month)

Kid's Church - Leaders/Helpers
(1 time per month)

Nursery - Adult volunteers
(1 time every 2 months)

Kids Club Leaders -
Kindergarten/1st/3rd grade leaders
(weekly on Wednesday nights)

Please prayerfully consider serving in Kids Ministry. We keep adding to our number of kids, and we need more volunteers to keep kids safe, invest in their lives, teach them God's truth, and love them deeply.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 18

10:00 am - Kids/Beginners
Church (Lower Level)

Sunday, August 25

10:00 am - Kids/Beginners
Church (Lower Level)

Tuesday, August 27th

Family Park Night
5:30pm - 7:30pm
at Diamond Point Park

Wednesday, September 11

Fall Kick Off
5:00 pm - Family Meal
6:00 pm - Kids Club
PreK - 5th Grade
6:00 pm - Oasis (Green)

Family Park Night

We had a great time at Diamond Point. It was fun to meet 5 new families, and fellowship with one another.

Join us at our last park night at Diamond Point on:

August 27th @ 5:30pm.

Would love to see you all there!

Let's share the love of Jesus with those in the park!

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Group:

The next summer Youth Group will be on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm at E-Free. We will continue with our study, How we got the Bible in English.

Youth Leaders Meeting

We will be meeting on Wed, September 4th from 6:15-7:45pm. If you are interested in helping with the youth group please see Shelly Mustful (shellymustful_mn@yahoo.com) or Danny Paddock (paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com).

Youth and Young Adult Pastor Search Team

Please pray for us as we begin searching for our next Youth and Young Adults Pastor. Our team includes: Danny Paddock (chair), Caleb Caster, Alexa Zylka, Pastor Eric Nygren, Pastor Jerry Johnson, Shelly Mustful, Jerry Drebelbis, Bethany Anderson and Amy Graf.



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Wednesday, August 28

6:30 pm - Summer Youth Group
(Youth Room)

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Fall Kick Off
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6:00 pm - Youth Group
6:00 pm - Kids Club
PreK - 5th Grade
6:00 pm - Adult Life Groups
6:00 pm - Oasis (Green)

Young Adults

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Anchor is our young adult life group. We meet on Tuesday nights for food and fellowship regularly during the school year and anyone who considers themselves a young adult is welcome. Anchor will start meeting regularly soon. Please email pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org with questions.



Cru is back on BSU campus for the Fall Semester! Join us Sunday August 25th for a bonfire night to kick off the school year! Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech students, Leech Lake students, and Red Lake Nation students. See Mark Carlson (mhockeymd@gmail.com) or Terry Hewitt (Terryleehewitt@gmail.com) for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 25

9:30 am - Combined Service and Communion

TBD - CRU Bonfire night at Mark Carlson's home.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

The Kerths left to direct the Bemidji Christian Youth Center in 1967, and Carr Lake Bible Chapel was without a pastor for a year. In June 1968 the church called Roger Adams, a veteran Sunday School Union missionary. He brought his family from Wisconsin, and became our fourth resident pastor. Adams encouraged informal home Bible studies, evangelistic meetings, and missionary conferences, and worked to involve the youth in music and in the services.

Connection Time Today

The Monday Night (McKain) Life Group is serving an egg bake and baked goods in the Gym after service August 18th after service. Please join us for some food and fellowship before Sunday School hour.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in June of 2003 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Kenneth A. Scholz, a memorial gift of fourth octave handbells was presented by her family.

Now Hiring: Youth and Young Adults Pastor

Please pray for our Search Team as we begin looking for our next Youth and Young Adults Pastor. The job description is now available online, including our church website, and in the church office. If you or someone you know may be interested, please connect with us soon or email: efree@paulbunyan.net.

Global Partner Visit

The Global Connection Team would like to invite you to an evening with some of our Global Partners serving with Reach Global MENA (Middle East-North Africa). They and a special guest will be with us Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Please join us!

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Summer Sunday School 11:00am, Nursery Available

Aug 18: How We Got Our Bible
Part 5 (Chapel)

Aug 25: How We Got Our Bible
Part 6 (Chapel)

E-Free Choir

Taylor Borders and Ian Trosen are looking for new members for our EFC Bemidji Choir. Join us if you want to

- Praise the Lord through music,
- Make new connections, and
- Work hard and learn together.

All people and skill levels are welcome! Come make music with us from 7:15-8:30PM sharp on Tuesdays starting Sept. 3.

Questions?

Contact Ian, 952-607-9095 or
Taylor, 218-851-9627.

Ruby's Pantry

Wednesday, August 21st at the Sanford Center. Those interested in helping can speak with Todd Guntzel 218-556-0650 or Jim Hodgson 218-556-6277 for more information.

Calling all bakers!

Our Kitchen Crew is looking for 10-12 volunteers to bake a pan of bars or a batch of cookies for our September 8th Kickoff Sunday. If you love to bake, please let the church office know what you'll be making.

100th Anniversary Cleaning and Work Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 24th from 8:00am to noon for an All-Church Cleaning & Work day. There are projects for all skill levels! We need cleaners, painters, tree trimming, weeding and more! Donuts and coffee will be waiting for you! Please see Jessica in the church office and sign up for a task that fits you! We can also set another time and day that works best for your schedule. Email Jessica in the church office at officemanager@efcbemidji.org with questions or signups.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Communion

Sunday, August 25th, the Lord's Supper will be served during our 9:30 Combined worship service. We will be using our non-alcoholic communion juice and gluten free bread. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate with us. Please take time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 urges, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents Christians' union with Jesus and unity with other believers.

Benevolence Fund

If you or someone you know from our church family is experiencing a financial hardship, please contact one of the pastors or elders about our Benevolence Fund. This fund exists to help with unexpected financial burdens (utility bill, repair bill, medical bill, etc.). If you would like to donate to the Benevolence Fund, please designate your gift on your giving envelope or online giving.

A Capella Quartet

Members of today's quartet:
Taylor and Rissa Borders, and
Ian and Kate Trosen

Take 60 Seconds to Pray

Watch for a weekly text message with daily prayer prompts for our church and its ministries. Then take 60 seconds every day to pray. If you're not subscribed to our text notifications, send a message with the word efree to 94000 to sign up. (Note: This is not the Prayer Chain list).

100th Anniversary donations

As we look forward to this celebration some have asked about helping financially. If you would like to do so simply designate your gift to, "The 100th year anniversary celebration". This can be done via the offering boxes or any of the other methods of giving to the church.

Looking for a way to use your gifts to serve others? Visit

7 www.efcbemidji.org/serve to discover opportunities for you to serve.

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups for more info.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 18

8:30 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
9:30 am - Combined Summer Service
11:00 am - How We Got Our Bible - Part 5 (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 20

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)
6:30 pm - Global Partner Visit (Chapel)

Wednesday, August 21

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

Thursday, August 22

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, August 23

7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)

Saturday, August 24

All Church Work Day - see page 7 for more details

Sunday, August 25

8:30 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
9:30 am - Combined Summer Service - Communion
11:00 am - How We Got Our Bible - Part 6 (Chapel)
7:00 pm - CRU bonfire night

Sunday, September 8

Kick Off Sunday

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am - Ministry Fair
10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
12:00 pm - Tailgate Cookout

There are many ways to connect and grow at E-Free Bemidji. Visit
9 www.efcbemidji.org/events for a complete calendar of events.

We're glad you're here!



Welcome! If you're our guest this morning, we would invite you to fill out a Connection Card online at efcbemidji.org/connectioncard or by scanning the QR Code with your mobile device and letting us know that you joined us for worship today. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to pick up a free gift. Watch our calendar for an upcoming Newcomer's Lunch—a special event just for you!

Watch our services online

Every Sunday, we offer a live stream of both of our services on our website. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/live on your computer or mobile device. Our live stream is also available on Roku, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV. Connect to the BoxCast through your streaming device and search for E-Free Bemidji.

Sermon and Worship Service Archive

Check out our Worship Service Archive at www.efcbemidji.org/archive to watch any of our worship services from the past 90 days. Past sermons are also available online at www.efcbemidji.org/sermons or on our YouTube page (@efc_bemidji). Sermons are available on our website in video, audio, and transcript format. Please contact the church office if you would like to request a sermon transcript be sent to you via mail or email.

Ways to give

We invite you to prayerfully consider worshiping God and supporting the ministries of E-Free Bemidji through regular financial giving. A portion of every gift goes to support the ministry of our Global Partners. You can find out more about the various ways to give by visiting our website at www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



God Delights in Showing Mercy

Micah 7:8-20 on August 18, 2024

Pastor Jerry R. A. Johnson

If we're truly devoted to God's love and goodness, then we must learn to delight in the things in which He delights.

Visit www.efcbemidji.org/sermons to listen, watch, or read today's sermon. You'll find an archive of past messages on our website as well.

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